

MEETS SOME ROUGHWATER

Special Committee of Legislature Goes to Oyster.

SEE BLUEFISH POUND

Those Who Fish for a Living Use Hook and Line, and Waste No Time in Removing Fish from Hooks.

Laws Consistently Violated.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)

NORFOLK, VA., August 19.—The special committee of the Legislature engaged in investigating the Virginia oyster beds left here for the Eastern Shore to-day, where it will be a fortnight or more. All the members were of the party except Senator Bryant, who is detained at his home in Henrico county by his fight for the position of Commonwealth's Attorney.

The committee will make headquarters at Oyster, Northampton county, while on the ocean side of the Eastern Shore, and will explore the waters carefully to the Maryland line in search of barren areas, which may be rented out. Captain J. D. Baylor, of the United States Coast Survey, who laid off the State oyster beds ten years ago, creating the Baylor survey, is still with the committee. Secretary Corley having extended his leave until Saturday. His knowledge of the topography, as well as his great store of information on the subject of oysters, has been of great value to the committee. The committee spent yesterday on the blue fishing grounds in the Horseshoe off Back River Light. The work in these waters was completed, and having notified the oystermen of the Eastern Shore that Oyster would be visited today, the committee did not care to arrive a day ahead of time. The members are all most earnestly desirous of having both tongs and planters with them when going over the oyster grounds looking for depleted rock.

The trip to the fishing grounds was of value, as giving some insight into the fishing interests of the State. Incidentally, it was also valuable, as showing several members of the party how easy it was for old oysters to be taken. The weather was very rough in the afternoon, and the return trip was about as disagreeable as could be conceived. I tried to write in the cabin, but as the tide was never level, except when on the degrees, at least, the work was difficult. Finally the table, the chair and the writer were heaped up in an indiscriminate mass in a corner of the cabin, and it seemed as good a time to leave as any. The committee made Old Point in the Richmond mail there would have been no Times-Dispatch letter in readiness. A distinguished member of the committee, who is recognized as a leader in the oyster industry, was so sick that he was unable to go, and later was about as fearful that it would not end so pleasantly. When the committee tied up at Old Point, the boat was so sick that the committee decided that he would spend the night at the Chamberlin.

THE FISH POUND. The committee visited Robinson's fish pound, which is located a short distance from where the Accomac was anchored, on Bluefish Neck, surrounded by a hundred small boats carrying fishermen. I cannot see good reason for calling it a rock, since it took nearly all the boat's time to get to the bottom when the anchor was thrown out. A fish pound suggests the Australian method of catching rabbits by means of a stockade, with a mouth a mile wide, the sides converging until they meet at the entrance to a corral, into which the pestiferous bunnies are driven. A long line of stakes, or piles, are driven, and to these is attached the pound net. The net is nothing more than a curtain hung on the piles of water, but it is a large affair, and the net in the pound, which is of quadrilateral shape. The sides of the pound are formed by piles put down at intervals of a few feet to support the great net.

For bait the fish are used in large quantities of small fish ground into a pulp in ordinary meat choppers or sausage mills. This is thrown overboard and is carried away by the tide. A school of blue fish crosses the drift of bait, and in an hour or so the school follows it up until the net or curtain attached to the stakes is reached. As the fish touch this they deflect their course towards the pound, and eventually become entangled in the meshes of the big net.

Fishermen in a smaller way, who do not use nets, come out in small boats. Bait is scattered in the same way as at the pound and the fish are taken with hook and line. I watched the fisherman in an hour or so draw in the magnificent bluefish, at the rate of one every two minutes. He was a fisherman for a living and not for sport. As soon as he would feel a tug on the line he would draw it in hand over head, and the school followed in the net or curtain attached to the stakes is reached. As the fish touch this they deflect their course towards the pound, and eventually become entangled in the meshes of the big net.

YEARLY TAX. The State imposes a tax of \$3 a year on every pound net used. The total amount of revenue to the State last year from pound and seine nets was only \$4,900.20. The haul from Robinson's pound, which the committee visited yesterday, was estimated to be worth fifty dollars.

The committee, though it has nothing to do with questions of taxation, in so far as its duties, as fixed by the resolution under which it was appointed, are concerned, was, nevertheless, pretty unanimous in the opinion that the privilege of setting a pound net in Virginia waters is worth anything. It is worth a larger sum than three dollars a year. The planter only pays a yearly rental of one dollar an acre. Things are going pretty cheaply so far as Virginia's property in the waters are concerned.

However, Dr. John W. Bowdoin, of Accomac, chairman of the State Board of Fisheries, whom I met here to-day, told me that thus far the revenue for the present year was \$10,000 in excess of those of last year.

Bill, Dr. Bowdoin was not in good humor. He was on his way to Irvington, on the Rappahannock, in Lancaster county, to attend the meeting of the board, and not a single member met him here as agreed upon. Mr. Henry M. Tyler, of Richmond, one of the members, wired he could not come owing to the "ridiculous illness of Mrs. Tyler's father, Mr. R. J. Camp was kept away by an important business engagement in New York. Senator

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been a blessing. Better results are produced by our Concentrated Water than when the natural water is used at the springs, for by this method the water is taken as a medicine (teaspoonful in half glass of ordinary water four times a day), and the different minerals contained therein are taken up by the system in sufficient quantities to restore every organ of the body to a healthy condition.

We are particularly anxious for persons who have suffered with some Chronic Disease for a long time to give our Remedy a trial. Whether it be Indigestion, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Female Complaints, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Nervousness, Torpid Liver, Stomach and Bowel Disorders, Scrofula or other Blood Diseases, our Concentrated Water will cure you, or money refunded.

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tor George B. Keenell did not say why he could not be present. It was presumed that Mr. S. F. Miller, the secretary, would be on hand.

Then the oyster police boat, the Rappahannock, under Captain W. E. Hudgins, which was to take the Doctor to Irvington, was late in leaving. First she was delayed through failure to coal up in time. Then when everything was in readiness the cook was missing, and the Doctor walked back and forth on the pier expressing himself in a very pronounced way concerning cooks in general, and that special cook in particular.

There was also the failure of the board to secure the punishment of fishermen guilty of taking fish in poon and seine nets without the payment of license for the privilege. In one or two counties the Commonwealth's Attorney refuses positively to indict for such offenses. In others, the Doctor complains, though the men have been indicted, they have not been secured some time ago. In several cases the prisoners were not convicted, though their guilt was established to the satisfaction of the board.

Dr. Bowdoin declares that unless the Legislature gives the board authority to have cases of the violation of the fish laws tried elsewhere he will give up his position.

When at last the cook came, carrying a string of fish, he had bought up town. Dr. Bowdoin went aboard the Rappahannock, but he did not find a single member of the board met him at Irvington he was going ahead and hold a meeting and transact whatever business which needed attention.

In the past week I have learned thoroughly well that no man charged with the duty of enforcing the fish and oyster laws of Virginia has a road to travel compared to which the one leading into the Klondike is a pretty fair highway.

And the pity of it is that enforcement of the law would not now save the Virginia oyster beds. Ten years ago it would have done so, but years of violation of the laws, practiced by tongs and encouraged by planters and packers, have reduced the State oyster beds to a condition where new and drastic legislation is necessary to preserve enough oyster rock to form the seed of an industry which once gave not only bread, but wealth to thousands of Virginians.

WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.

ENORMOUS HAIL ON STAUNTON RIVER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 19.—News has been received here of a serious hail storm which occurred on the Staunton River, twenty miles from here. Crops in an area of one hundred square miles were badly damaged, and trees in many places were literally stripped. It is said that the hail was three and a half inches long by two inches wide, and was very much.

It is said that if the hail had been hard the loss in grain and other stock would have been serious.

THE POISONING STILL A MYSTERY

Analysis Shows There Was No Arsenic in the Sandwiches.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, VA., August 19.—There are many conjectures by physicians and others as to the cause of the wholesale poisoning of about 100 people who attended the sale of the stock of the Ashburn Dairy Farm last week, which is owned by Senator William M. Stewart. It is reported on good authority that an analysis of the food disclosed no arsenical poison. The investigation is now being conducted to ascertain the presence of other poisons.

The condition of many of those most seriously affected is still serious, but no fatal results are anticipated.

Messrs. W. A. and James Wrenn, Robert Herndon, Charles Everhart and J. E. Gulick and others are still very weak.

Notwithstanding this unfortunate occurrence the sale was largely attended, and resulted in the disposal of \$10,000 worth of fine stock.

Senator Stewart will hereafter make a specialty of raising mules and feed cattle.

A DOUBTING THOMAS

Had His Falling Hair Stopped and Dandruff Cured Without Faith.

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TORPEDO FLOTILLA

Injured Boats to Be Repaired at Norfolk Navy-Yard.

OYSTER CO. CHARTERED

Postal Company Acquitted of Doing Business in Portsmouth Without a License—A Ten Year-Old Burglar Makes Confession.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., August 19.—The torpedo boat flotilla passed in the capes this afternoon, bound for the Norfolk Navy Yard. With the flotilla are the injured destroyers Decatur and Barry. These boats, which were in collision at Oyster Bay during the manoeuvres, will be immediately repaired and placed in condition to rejoin the fleet when it reaches Hampton Roads.

The York River Oyster Company has been chartered, with \$10,000 capital. Geo. W. Armstrong is president.

Mr. T. Vernon Moss, of Crittenden's, Va., is dead. His remains were brought here to-day, and will be buried at the STEEL FROM COMMON IRON.

Mr. George E. Plinkham, whose process of making steel has excited world-wide interest, is said to have formed a company in the North to exploit his invention. It is said that Plinkham, who was employed at Lambert's Point, devised a method of making steel from inferior iron, and that he was called to confer with the manager of the steel trust, but did not come to terms with him, and therefore raised a company himself.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company has been acquitted of doing business in Portsmouth without a license. The case has excited great interest.

Postal's avowal that it did not handle local State business from its Portsmouth office, and was not liable to a local tax. A message from Lynchburg to Portsmouth was in evidence, but the company declared that it was transmitted in violation of orders.

TEN-YEAR-OLD BURGLAR

Jesse Broadnax, a ten-year-old burglar, to-day confessed to Chief of Police Tynan, of Portsmouth, that he had entered residences by broken windows. A fashionable residence in North Street, he said, he entered with great difficulty through a side window. He stole therefrom \$10 in cash, with which he fitted himself out in such gorgeous attire as to attract the police's attention.

WASHINGTON RESERVES

The Washington, D. C., naval reserves are here aboard the old Fern. They are having the time of their lives, cruising in the Chesapeake and banging away at floating targets with their one-pounders, until the little fishing boats flee for their very lives.

It is stated by the naval officers who have taken part in the maneuvers that the Lieutenant R. B. Burdett, who is in command, has reason to be very proud, indeed, of the records his men have established at their gunnery practice.

The appraisers of the Southeastern Life Association are here, reassessing the city of Norfolk for fire insurance. It is probable that the recent notable improvement in the fire department will result in lower rates for the city.

A BIG EMBROIDMENT

Mr. Park L. Poindexter has entered suit against the Belt Line Railroad for \$7,500 damages for the loss of a valuable diamond ring. The suit is brought in order to secure the return of the ring from certain land owned by the Poindexter estate, near Berkeley, which, it is alleged, has been seized and is unlawfully held by the defendant.

The potato crop being the "money crop" of this great trucking region, the situation is rather more serious than appears on the surface.

POLITICS IN MECKLENBURG

Contract Let for a Fine Steel Bridge at Clarksville, Across Roanoke River.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MECKLENBURG, VA., August 19.—The political atmosphere in Mecklenburg is extremely quiet, although the primaries are to be held on the 24th of September. For the candidate for treasurer is B. E. Cogbill, for Commonwealth's attorney, E. C. Goode, and for sheriff, James H. Phillips. The two offices of commissioner of the revenue are very much in the air.

Mr. Alfred Boyd, of Tipton county, Tenn., who was here this week with friends and went to Buffalo Springs yesterday. Mr. Boyd was born in the county, and lived there for a number of years.

He moved to Tennessee nearly thirty years ago. Mr. Boyd is visiting here on his way to his home in Tennessee, where he has a large estate.

The Clarksville toll bridge, across Roanoke river, at the town of Judge Henry Wood, the president of the company, is here and informs me that the contract for the bridge has been awarded to the firm of Messrs. Bond, who recently suffered an attack of appendicitis, is convalescing, and was able to be out for a short time to-day.

Mr. Alfred Friend, Jr., who has been sick for several days, is now much better.

SHERIFF WILL NOT RUN

Mr. W. H. Young, who has been the efficient sheriff of Dinwiddie county for many years, will not be a candidate for re-election. This decision was only recently reached, as he had expected to be a candidate. His private business is such that he felt he could no longer neglect it.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Smith, a prominent citizen, are candidates for the office. The Virginia Passenger and Power Company have nearly completed their railroad along the bank of the canal from Pendleton Park to the head of the canal, where the large dam is to be built. The stone blasted during the work of widening the canal will be used in the construction of the dam.

Baskerville's Quarries

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FRIDELAND, VA., August 19.—Mr. Charles R. Baskerville, of Tennessee, and Miss Katherine Pendleton Quarles, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Quarles, of Bowling Green, Caroline county, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. Dr. Quarles, father of the bride, officiated. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Baskerville left for a wedding tour.

Preacher Violently Insane

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 19.—Rev. Lewis Brubaker, a Dunkard preacher of Franklin, was taken to the Marion hospital to-day, violently insane. Religion is said to have been the cause of insanity.

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A Lace Curtain Round-Up

With a Quarter to a Half Off the Prices.

The stray numbers—the odd lots—the slow movers—particularly the latter—get a coal of fire on their backs to-day. And there is going to be some lively getting out of Lace Curtains, with a good assortment to choose from and stout reductions for a lever. With Fall just a few weeks off, and moving, rearranging and renewing in contemplation, how many housekeepers are hankering for a chance like this?

Here are plenty of good chances and each chance is a good bargain. We want space for new stocks and this is the way we pay for it.

White and Colored Muslin Curtains, were \$1.50 to \$2.50, at 75c to \$1.25. Nottingham Lace Curtains, small lot, were \$1.00 to \$1.25, at 50c to 62 1-2c. White Nottingham Lace Curtains, were \$1.50 a pair, at \$1.00. White Nottingham Lace Curtains, 5 pairs, were \$3.75, at \$2.89. Irish Point Lace Curtains, very fine, were \$5.00, at \$3.50. Nottingham Lace Curtains, white, very fine, were \$6.00 to \$6.50, at \$5.00. White Brussels Net Curtains, extra grades, were \$6.00, at \$5.00. White Brussels Net Curtains, fine and heavy, were \$7.50, at \$6.00. White Brussels Net Curtains, splendid patterns, were \$8.00, at \$6.50. Irish Point Curtains, elaborate patterns, were \$7.50, at \$5.50. White Tambour Curtains, handsome designs, were \$10.00, at \$8.75.

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HARRISONBURG, VA., August 19.—James Whelpley, alias Wilson, alias Covey, alias Ripley, aged fifty-six years, was arrested this afternoon at Dayton, four miles southwest of here, by Deputy Sheriff Carlisle, assisted by Chief of Police Armstrong, of this place, charging him with violating the lottery laws of Virginia. He was brought here and lodged in the county jail. When arrested he had in his possession 35,000 lottery tickets, purported to have been issued by the Hamburg-American Lottery Company, legalized by the German government; was arrested while leaving the printing plant of A. S. Koffler and Sons, where he had ordered 1,000,000 such tickets printed.

GERMAN LOTTERY. The drawing was to have taken place August 27th, and it was represented to have been conducted by the highest German officials. The prizes ranged from \$1 to \$50,000. Whelpley told the officers that he was only employed by R. J. Gaskins, whom he said was engineering the whole thing. Gaskins was arrested last night at Litch Springs, near Elktion, on a similar warrant, by Special Constable Workman. He will be brought here this morning. A warrant was also sworn out for one Hoosier, who is said to be an accomplice.

Whelpley, the prisoner, is well known to the New York detectives, as his Bertillon number is 1806, and his criminal record in New York and other cities is rather lengthy.

IN 1898 he was sentenced to two years in Sing Sing for grand larceny, but previous to that time he had been arrested several times for swindling and other crooked work. After his release from Sing Sing he is said to have swindled a number of residents of Greater New York until District Attorney Jerome issued his black list of straw bondsmen. Then it was unsafe to attempt crooked work in that line.

He attempted to dispose of forged notes on the Lester Mills Company, of Lester, Ala., but was arrested on the complaint of a New York broker, who said the notes had been stolen from him. He was released last from confinement for this offense, after a brief sojourn in the Tombs, and was